

By: Representative Capps

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 90

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND WORKS OF
2 CHARLES WILLIAM DEAN AND EXPRESSING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE
3 LEGISLATURE UPON HIS PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Charles William Dean, a visionary civil engineer and
5 lifelong advocate of Bolivar County, departed this life at the age
6 of 70 on November 11, 1998, causing great loss to his many friends
7 and his family; and

8 WHEREAS, Charles Dean, a graduate of Shaw High School and the
9 University of Mississippi, was involved in the community since his
10 early days at Ole Miss when he served as president of the student
11 body in 1948-1949; and

12 WHEREAS, Charles Dean was owner of Consulting Civil
13 Engineering in Cleveland where he specialized in river ports,
14 drainage, municipal public works, airports, highways, railroads,
15 industrial parks and long-range planning; and

16 WHEREAS, his expertise was greatly sought after in the area
17 of transportation and economic development and he traveled to
18 numerous foreign countries sharing that expertise, including
19 Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, England, the Netherlands, Belgium,
20 Germany, Mexico and the continent of South America; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1983 Charles Dean was invited to the Peoples
22 Republic of China where he shared his engineering expertise with
23 recommendations to develop China's river systems for
24 transportation and flood control; and

25 WHEREAS, Charles Dean was a member of the National Society of
26 Professional Engineers; Mississippi Society of Professional

27 Engineers; Inland Rivers, Ports and Terminals; Mississippi River
28 Parkway Commission, Past Chairman; National Association for the
29 Self-Employed; Delta Council, serving as Director and Past
30 Chairman of Economic Development; Consulting Engineers Council of
31 Mississippi; National I-69 Mid-Continent Highway Coalition, Inc.,
32 serving as Director; and the Cleveland-Bolivar County Chamber of
33 Commerce, Past President; and

34 WHEREAS, at Ole Miss, Charles Dean was Past President of ODK,
35 the Hall of Fame, Kappa Sigma, the Varsity Football Team and his
36 graduating class; and

37 WHEREAS, Charles Dean received numerous awards during his
38 lifetime, including the Kossman Award from the Cleveland-Bolivar
39 County Chamber of Commerce and an award from the State of
40 Mississippi in economic development; and

41 WHEREAS, Charles Dean also served his community as a Boy
42 Scout leader and as a member of First United Methodist Church in
43 Cleveland, where he was on the board of trustees; and

44 WHEREAS, Charles Dean's vision of creating the
45 Arkansas-Mississippi Great River Bridge, nicknamed "Dean's Dream,"
46 will serve as a permanent monument to the unselfish service of
47 Charles Dean to his community upon its completion; and

48 WHEREAS, Charles Dean is survived by his wife of 48 years,
49 Martha Cile Dean; two daughters, Debbie Cole and Tommicile Rogers;
50 a son, Charles William Dean, Jr.; and 13 grandchildren; and

51 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Legislature to pay tribute
52 to exemplary Mississippians such as Charles William Dean, who
53 devote their lives to the betterment of all citizens of the state:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
55 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
56 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life and works of Charles
57 William Dean and express our deepest sympathy to his family during
58 their time of loss.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
60 furnished to the family of Charles William Dean and to the Capitol
61 Press Corps.